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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 May 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-18 and 20-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-18 and 20-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Art Rejections:

1. The texts of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) cited in the previous office action are hereby incorporated by reference.

2. Claims 2-18 and 20-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cook et al U.S. pat. No. 6,178,432.

Per claims 13 and 5-6, Cook discloses a method of displaying for controlling content displayed during a computer-driven presentation on a plurality of logical displays attached to a computer system and controlled by a presentation graphics application running on said computer comprising:

a) associating a user-selectable hidden object presentation property with a selected object within a presentation page, said hidden object presentation property indicating a display attribute for which the selected object is presented during said computer-driven presentation (see col 3, lines 15-20);

b) providing a user-selectable display attribute/feature, the display attribute indicating hidden object presentation properties of objects within presentation pages to be presented on the such logical display during the computer-driven presentation (see col 4, lines 42-52); and

c) presenting, on each of said plurality of logical displays, objects associated with hidden object presentation properties

indicated by the display attribute assigned to that logical display while inhibiting presentation of other objects on that logical display (see col 4, lines 39-41).

Cook does not explicitly teach assigning a display attribute to the logical display. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to recognize that such display attribute/feature would have been assigned or provided to the display in Cook to enable the user to set or activate the hidden property of the object (see col 4, lines 39-52).

Per claims 2-3, Cook teaches using control (Java applet) to display the object based on occurrence of certain events and user inputs (see col 6, lines 15-29).

Per claim 4, it would have been further obvious to one skilled in the art that security would have been used to limit access to the objects.

Per claims 7-10, Cook also teaches organizing/grouping the objects into structures such as groups and stacks (see col 5, lines 59-67) and other hierarchical structures (see col 7, lines 59-67).

Per claim 11, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art that any components could be removed from the compound/container object.

Claims 14-18 and 20-37 are similar in scope as that of claim 2-13.

Response to Amendment:

3. Applicant's arguments filed on May 11, 2009 with respect to claims 2-18 and 20-37 have been fully considered but they are moot in view of new ground of rejection set forth above.

Conclusion:

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new grounds of rejection. Accordingly, THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. See M.P.E.P. § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS FINAL ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ACTION. IN THE EVENT A FIRST RESPONSE IS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION AND THE ADVISORY ACTION IS NOT MAILED UNTIL AFTER THE END OF THE THREE-MONTH SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD, THEN THE SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD WILL EXPIRE ON THE DATE THE ADVISORY ACTION IS MAILED, AND ANY EXTENSION FEE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) WILL BE CALCULATED FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THE ADVISORY ACTION. IN NO EVENT WILL THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE EXPIRE LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Viet Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-3977. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 4:00pm. The Group general information number is 571-272-2100. The Group fax number is 571-273-8300.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn, can be reached on 571-272-1915.

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/Viet Vu/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2454

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